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History

Subj: New actions - reactions in the continuing
NRO - CIA power interface

1. John M^c ~~AE~~ Mann was scheduled to join Kiefer (Brook quoted as saying 'from CIA is enough')
2. Earthquake offers a big hack in CIA budget and then funds a big increase in NRO's budget. Roz states at a big meeting (Special Group?) that DoD aims to ~~be~~ take over collection programs (in this context, in particular, OX)
At this point Earthquake stalks out saying this is unacceptable to him.
3. Ledford haired up over Gene James getting into his business. This is main reason Ledford stated after his F.E. trip that all take would be processed back here and not with that Cin Fero Rozco unit in Japan.
4. M^c Namara reportedly has said that DIA must use NDIC space (presumably all or part)

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of 5th floor and any reasoning "why not" would have to be passed to him.

5. Second stage of 9060 never fired.

Operators knew there was persistent evidence of a leaky fuel system but went ahead. Probably more heads will roll and Lockheed, already shaky, will be more shaken up (According to rumor Brock told Lockheed that if 9060 busted they might be out of a job)

6. Wheeler got the OX latest briefing this weekend (we prepared many graphics) It was scheduled to go to Brock and NRO. Wheeler says —

a. DCI will get this briefing first

b. "Take all those NRO stickers and labels off the briefing boards. Replace with CIA labels. This is a CIA product"

7. Days of NRO may be numbered and it might annihil. base in the night. OR —

it might become the great battleground between DOD and CIA. (Don't forget the sharp JCS retreat to M^cCono numbered in the making, following M^cCono's soft, "go to hell" type response to Gulpatrik's letter on military emergency planning and date on condition of DOD take over of NPIC

And so the big power struggle goes. We are just one of the pawns. So, keep your head down, out of the line of fire, and while there see if an ear to the ground will herald the arrival of what herd of elephants, travelling in what direction and carrying what type of banner.

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8. M^c Namara reportedly has told JCS that he considers it unnecessary to send actions thru them to underlings in DOD (Example: Order: JMN to Gen Currell to implement the PI. Plan. JCS by passed. JCS then ~~returned~~ opened the issue and asked JMN if he didn't think it orderly and proper to send such directives thru them. JMN says, No! It will work out this way. (I had of steam building up in JCS!)